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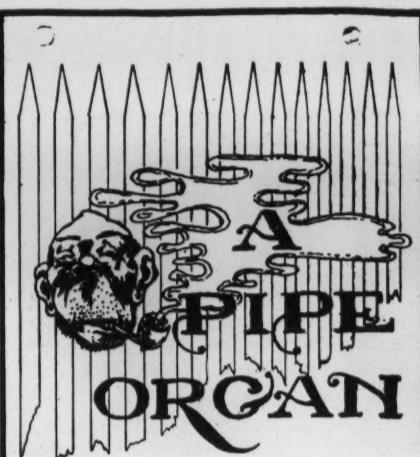
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## Editorial.

THE month of May promises to be one of unusual interest to women's organizations in general. The great Biennial Meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in St. Louis, May 17th-25th, however, overshadows in numbers, wide spread interest and general influence the lesser conventions of The Congress of Mothers in Chicago, May 11th-14th and the Biennial Meeting of the Colonial Dames at Washington, May 4th. The Clubwomen, with their broad platform of "*Unity in Diversity*," represent in their sessions woman's interest in the home, in society, and in the great world of human endeavor. With the blessings of science and the inventions of the Nineteenth Century, the Twentieth Century woman has been freed from many tedious and laborious duties which engaged the time and strength of her grandmother, and she has come into an inheritance of greater leisure for consideration of those important and perplexing problems most intimately associated with the material well-being and spiritual elevation of the race. The power of womanhood means more to-day than ever before because life is fuller and broader and civilization has given to mankind more opportunities for looking after the psychology of living.

At St. Louis among our American clubwomen we will find patience, composure and accuracy, the philosophy of thought and the judicial mind taking precedence in all discussions and debates. This meeting together of women actuated by the most altruistic and unselfish motives cannot fail to bring about a harvest of good results, for these women have learned by their local club associations to measure their own possibilities and to recognize their limitations. Personal vanity and self-aggrandizement will play a small part in the great scope of their programs, and the earnest, unselfish woman, equipped with a calm, well-trained, logical mind, a cordial and sympathetic temperament and a true and loyal character will soon find herself recognized and appreciated by her fellows with whom she can affiliate in the spirit of true harmony.

These women represent the most brilliant and progressive women of America and this country looks upon them with hope and pride. They have set for themselves high standards and they may be relied upon to be true to their professions of purity, justice and integrity.

FIVE young women and two young men secured the coveted honor of the Phi Beta Kappa Key at the University of Chicago as the result of the quarterly election of the Beta of Illinois Chapter of the fraternity on March 16th. The required standard of excellence in studies must be attained during the four years' course and the predominance of women securing the honors is an interesting pointer as to woman's ability to attain the "Higher Education."

THE guides who will operate the push chairs at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition will be selected from the students of universities in the United States. Hundreds of applications have been made. Preference will be given to students working their way through college. Every successful applicant must weigh not less than 140 pounds, must not be less than five feet seven and one-half inches tall, and his age must be between 19 and 23 years.

ENGLISH women have always taken an active and intelligent interest in local politics, and one of the latest successful English novels, an exponent of English society life, "Lady Rose's Daughter," but adds to the impression that the English woman has some political influence. The House of Commons on March 16th adopted a resolution by a vote of 182-68 in favor of Parliamentary suffrage for women. This is the fourth time that the "Commons" have put themselves on record in favor of full suffrage for women: the last time the question was discussed was six years ago when the majority in favor was only 70 while to-day it is 114. The House of Lords, thus far, has always blocked the measure. The equal rights movement has a strong following in Great Britain. In 1869 municipal suffrage was granted to widows and single women in England; in 1881 it was extended to women in Scotland, and in 1898 both married and single women in Ireland could vote for all officers except members to Parliament. The question of the suffrage is one that requires deep sociological thought and broad statesmanship to adjust so as to cover the needs and to secure the greatest benefits to the community as a whole.

CLUBWOMEN in South Carolina appreciate the sympathetic and interesting discussions of "Literature via the Woman's Club," as presented in "Literary Topics" in The Educational for April, 1904. This evident comprehension of the ideals and aims of the Woman's Club on the part of one of the best representatives of the educated men of our State is a source of much gratification to South Carolina clubwomen.

AMONG the Commencement speakers appointed by the faculty at Vassar College this year is Miss May Yost of Staunton, Virginia. The graduating class numbers 175 members, and while there are twenty honor girls, only six received appointments to speak, so that Miss Yost's selection is a marked honor for a Southern girl.

THE new park in New Orleans has been named by the city Council in honor of the late Mrs. Newcomb, founder of Newcomb College for girls. Whereupon the city also appointed a woman, Mrs. A. W. McClellan, on the Board of Commissioners of Newcomb Park. As a Newcomb College girl she was a brilliant student and brings executive ability and civic pride to the position she has been called upon to fill. Women have shown so much active interest in civic affairs in the last decade that a city does not have far to look when in search of capable women to fill such a position as the one to which Mrs. McClellan has been appointed.

WOMAN'S work at the World's Fair will not as heretofore be sequestered in a building by itself, as if unworthy to compete with that of men; it will be classified with the achievements of the sterner sex, compelling recognition or defeat, according to its worth.

The Board of Lady Managers has the privilege of appointing a woman on every jury to pronounce on the merit of woman's work. Feminine handicrafts will be more generally exploited than ever before, and women will be represented in art, education, manufactures, metallurgy, agriculture, forestry, horticulture, transportation, etc.

I APPRECIATE *The Keystone* as a valuable advertising medium, and I desire to thank you for remembering us  
 E. C. JAMES,  
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## THE KEYSTONE.

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WOMEN'S Clubs desiring to join the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, are cordially invited to apply as soon as possible to Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Recording Secretary, No. 2 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C., giving object of organization and number of members.

MARTHA ORR PATTERSON.

A Civic League has been recently organized in Anderson. Mrs. Rufus Fant was the prime mover in effecting its organization, and much is expected from the League, as Mrs. Fant personally has planted 100 water oaks on River Street.

THE Century Club devoted its meeting on February 8th to Reciprocity Day, discussing in detail the individual Club, the City Federation, the State Federation, and the General Federation. Instead of presenting regular prepared papers the members treating these subjects spoke extempore. The Club members entered heartily into the discussions and the result was a renewed interest and sympathy in all Club activity. Charleston S. C.

THE "Up-to-Date" Club of Chester requested the Secretary to send some message to *The Keystone*, lest our Club be counted *out of date* on reports. Our circulating libraries are composed of choice books, and we are planning to start another library. Our energetic librarian, Mrs. John G. White, has secured a fine collection of magazines to send out with the libraries. The Club pays special attention to Village Improvement, particularly tree planting. Some members report planting a few trees along sunny streets, and Mrs. Paul Hemphill personally directed the planting of fifty trees about the Electric Light Plant. One member planted violets as a border around the church most dear to her. Domestic science receives a share of attention monthly. Sometimes all the Club joins in, *in a chorus* on this theme—and a listener would say we were kin to Mrs. Rorer!

We are also deeply interested in French History and Literature. The Club is indebted to Mrs. Harry V. Snead, of New York, for the loan of "French Beauties," and to Miss Willis, of Charleston, for some beautiful nature studies. These were secured through the influence of the Chairman of Art Department of State Federation, Mrs. A. Y. Brice. Some tapestry painting was also exhibited by Miss Beall, of North Carolina, loaned by her sister, who is a member of our Club.

The Club reaps much benefit from the interest taken in these several departments of Federation work.

Mrs. E. F. REID.

THE Sumter Woman's Club is very active in sending out Rural Traveling Libraries. The Altrurian Club of Batesville is studying Shakespeare paying special attention to those plays whose plots are laid in Greece.

THE Thursday Afternoon Club of Greenville celebrated March 17th as "Reciprocity Day," devoting the time to the various departments of the State Federation. The roll call was responded to with Irish jokes, and appropriate favors were distributed to all present. The meeting was held as usual at the home of the President, Mrs. M. F. Ansel, and only club women were present. Mrs. M. P. Gridley spoke on Library Department, Mrs. C. E. Graham on Kindergarten Work, Mrs. E. L. Hughes on the Educational Department, while Arts and Crafts were practically demonstrated by specimens of handiwork sent by each member of the Club, and artistically arranged around the room. The Department of Domestic Science was also practically demonstrated, as each member had contributed towards the wonderful display in the dining room. Each member had been limited to 10 cents in preparing her contribution, and the results were surprising.

Tea and coffee were served, and the Club proved its active practical application of this popular sphere of woman's work. There were also several vocal selections, representing the Musical Department.

The Club was most fortunate in having Mrs. M. O. Patterson, President of State Federation, as one of the speakers of the afternoon, and altogether pronounce the meeting one of the most successful in its history.

THE Franklin Circle of Lancaster has moved into its beautifully furnished club room in the new graded school building. This was given to the Club by the Board of Trustees. Sectional book cases have been ordered, and we hope to soon have a Book Reception, in order to give every body an opportunity of contributing books to the library, one of the greatest interests of the Club. We are proud of the fact that through our Club the Federation Scholarship at Clifford Seminary in Union, S. C., has been awarded to a girl in our town. Shakespeare's plays and classic authors will be the program for 1904-5. The Club is planning for the observance of Reciprocity Day. We gratefully acknowledge a liberal donation of books from the Cranford Club, and the gift of a beautiful gavel from Mrs. Hinson, of Kershaw.

## The Keystone Reciprocity Bureau.

(The Reciprocity Bureau acknowledges the receipt of the following Year Books and programs, any of which will be sent to Clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing the same.)

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## St. Louis Biennial Program.

[SYNOPSIS OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM]

TUESDAY, May 17th, 10 a. m., Council Meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the Constitution. Regular opening session, 2 p. m., at the Odeon, Mrs. D. T. S. Denison, presiding. Addresses of Welcome by Mayor Wells of St. Louis, Mrs. P. N. Moore, President Missouri Federation, and Mrs. W. E. Fischel, President of Wednesday Club, St. Louis. Response by Mrs. Denison. Tuesday evening, Literary Session; address, Prof. E. H. Griggs of New Jersey, on "The Expression and Interpretation of Human Life in Literature." Wednesday morning, Business and reports. Afternoon Educational session with Mrs. F. L. Wean of Illinois, on "Compulsory Education Laws and their Enforcement," together with a discussion on "Character Building in Public Education;" indirectly by Literature and History and directly by required instruction. Also one on "A National Aspect of Public Education." Wednesday evening will be a Child Labor session, with reports and address by Edgar Gardner Murphy, Alabama, on "Child Labor in America."

Thursday, May 19th, "Day of Celebration," session in Festival Hall, World's Fair Grounds. Welcome by President Francis of Louisiana Purchase Exposition: H. C. Ives, Director of Museum of Fine Arts, and Mrs. V. J. Berryhill of Iowa for Louisiana Purchase States. Response, Mrs. Denison. Patriotic address will follow. Later Federation will assemble in Fine Arts Building for unveiling and presentation of Memorial Tablet by Mrs. Denison.

This Memorial will be a bronze tablet, erected by the Federation in commemoration of the acquisition of the Louisiana territory. The relief has a figure of progress leading the pioneer settlers toward the setting sun and the towering spires of Western civilization. The inscription is as follows: "The acquisition of the territory is a credit to the broad and far-sighted statesmanship of the great men to whom it was immediately due."—"It followed inevitably upon the great westward thrust of the settler-folk, a thrust which was delivered blindly, but which no rival race could parry—." Roosevelt. Professor Ives will accept the tablet. A luncheon and reception to officers, delegates and distinguished guests given by Board of Lady Managers, will follow in the Woman's Building. Special electrical display in the evening. From 4-6 p. m. members of clubs of the Louisiana Purchase States will be at home in their respective State buildings to all other club members.

Friday Industrial session in Odeon. Addresses, "Organization among Working Women" by Miss May McDowell; "Is the Ballot of Real Value to Working Women?" Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of State Board of Charities and Corrections, Colorado; "Value to Working Women of Co-operation of Clubs with Municipal Officers," by Dr. Ernst Lederle, Ex-Commissioner of Health, New York City. Friday afternoon, State President's reports. Evening session, addresses on "Recent Progress in Education," by Miss Elizabeth Harrison of Illinois; "Education and Democracy," by Miss Jane Addams of Illinois. Address by President M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr, Pa. Saturday morning, Household Economics discussed by "The School as the Ally of the Home;" "Ethics and the Home;" "Our Relations to the Household Trades as Carried on Outside the Home." Saturday afternoon, Press session. This session will consist of two parts: the first, short addresses from four speakers, two men and two women, journalists, prom-

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Saturday evening, Industrial session, addresses by Mrs. Anna Garland Spencer of N. Y., on "Home-Destroying Industries." Dr. John G. Brooks, "New Avenues of Industrial Education for Women;" Mrs. Frederick Nathan, "The Consumer as Final Arbiter." Monday morning, Civil Service Reform. Addresses, "The Merit System in Municipalities" by Mrs. I. B. Oakley, Pa.; "Civil Service Reform in Public Institutions" by Dr. Emil Hirsh, Chicago, Ill.

Monday afternoon, given up to receptions. Monday evening, Library Extension. Addresses, "The Inspiration of Libraries," F. M. Crunden, Librarian St. Louis Public Library; "Story of a Traveling Library," Mrs. Rose Carwood, Tenn.; "Art as an Educator," Charles Zeublin, University of Chicago. Tuesday morning, Civics. Address "How Can the Individual Become a Factor in Civics and Sanitation" by Dr. Darling, Commissioner of Public Health, New York City. Tuesday afternoon, Forestry. Addresses, "Can Woman Through Organization Influence Legislation in Favor of Forestry?" by Mrs. Lydia P. Williams, Minn.; "Ten Years of Forestry in Pennsylvania" by Miss Myra Dock, Pa. Tuesday evening, Art Session. Wednesday morning, Election of Officers and other business. Wednesday night, President's Night.

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**A**COPY of the Minutes of the Camden Convention was mailed to every Chapter, and each officer of the South Carolina Division on March 13th. If any failed to reach their destination I have extra copies, and will send again if Chapters make application.

MARGARET EVANS,  
Secretary S. C. Division, U. D. C.

*United Daughters of the Confederacy, State Division of South Carolina:*

We, the undersigned, members of the Committee appointed at the State Convention, U. D. C., to take in charge the forming of plans looking toward the enrolling of the children of South Carolina into Chapters, to be auxiliary to and under the jurisdiction of local parent Chapters, of the State Division, give notice:

That we are now prepared to take steps toward the forming of plans for such auxiliary Chapters, and that we ask the co-operation and support of all who may have the forming of children's Chapters under consideration, or who may have already formed them, and that we invite correspondence on the subject.

We believe that the time has come when it is the duty of the Daughters of the Confederacy to specially train the children of our State, the hereditary descendants of the heroes of the Confederacy, to take the places of those who, in a few years, will pass away, and to give them a right understanding of the Southern side of the question.

That to these children belongs the right to keep unsullied the honor of the heroic patriots of the South.

That it is just as important that these children should be members of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, as that they should be members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

That it is the duty of the Daughters of the Confederacy to teach the children of the State that their fathers fought in defence of the Constitution of these United States of America, as they interpreted it, and that they were not in any sense "rebels."

We believed that by united effort and concerted action in forming and in conducting the affairs of these children's Chapters, we will give the best and strongest possible impulse to the perpetuating of true patriotism.

We ask the help and co-operation of the Daughters of the Confederacy of South Carolina, and we will gladly give information and assistance to any who may apply to us.

Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Charleston. Mrs. Ida Marshall Lining, Charleston. Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Anderson. Mrs. Patillo H. McGowan, Spartanburg.

United Daughters of the Confederacy.

[UP TO DATE NOTES ON THE U. D. C.]

**T**HE North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is keeping abreast with other Divisions in U. D. C. work. As we all know that true history is the vital work of our organization, we are using our best efforts to secure truths to be filed for the use of some future historian, who will, with unprejudiced pen, write the history of our four long years of strife and struggle. With an able State Historian, and the splendid personnel of the State Historical and Text Book Committee, I feel safe in saying that North Carolina will stand side by side with any of the other States in St. Louis in October.

The Davis Monument Committee report in Charleston showed where North Carolina stood in that work, and with our same untiring Chairman we have no need to fear for our showing in St. Louis. Our Cross of Honor Committee is a new one, but from the present outlook will have a goodly report, provided the crosses applied for are promptly furnished.

The Constitution Committee stood firm in the State Convention last year, and passed an amendment inserting the word "white" in the eligibility clause.

The North Carolina Room in the Confederate Museum in Richmond, under the care of the State Committee for that purpose, is no longer the bare dreary place it was a few years ago.

The Soldiers' Home Committee (that dear work that all are eager to engage in) are clamoring that they are not more often called upon for service. There are 119 Veterans in the Home, 16 in the main hospital, and 6 in the hospital for consumptives. The Daughters furnish the bedding for the Home, and have done much other work there. One year the cash expenditures by the Chapters amounted to over \$1,000. Often Taps are sounded for an old veteran as his body is placed in our beautiful Confederate cemetery, where sleep over 1100 of our Southern Dead. Ere long Taps will be sounded, and Lights out for them all. Let us serve them while we may, and count it a privilege to do so.

The other State Committees—Finance, Transportation, Annie Lee Grave, George Davis Monument, W. C. Strohach Memorial, Children's Chapters, and State Division Flag Committees—are all "well manned." if I may be permitted to so put it. Many of the Chapters have subscribed to the Wade Hampton Monument Fund, and it is hoped that before the close of the year every one of them will have done so.

Many of the Chapters are working for a monument to be erected in their own Counties, besides doing outside work.

The Chapters numbering fifty have nearly all of them paid their per capita taxes, so when the Convention meets North Carolina will be able to vote her full strength.

It seems that *The Keystone* should be made the official organ of the different State Divisions of the United Daughters of the Confederacy separately, for but little space is given the "Daughters" in our acknowledged official organ, "The Veteran." The United Daughters of the Confederacy are strong enough to have an organ of their own, without going jointly in with the Veterans and Sons of Veterans.

Is there no way in which this may be done?

The Minutes for the last Convention have been a little delayed, but they will soon be sent the Chapters.

The General Convention date having been changed this

year, it became necessary to change the State Convention date, which this time will be held on October 26th, this date having been settled upon after consulting the entertaining Chapter this year—the Thomas Ruffin Chapter, U. D. C., of Goldsboro.

With best wishes for *The Keystone*, and asking again that I may be permitted space in its valuable columns, I am, cordially yours,

Mrs. F. A. OLDS,  
Pres. N. C. Div., U. D. C.

THE W. D. Holder Chapter, U. D. C., of Jackson, Miss., complimented the two Houses of the Mississippi Legislature lately pinning on the coat lapel of each member bouquets of violets tied with the colors of the Confederacy. This was in recognition of their appreciation of the action of this Legislature in passing a bill for the support of "Beauvoir" as a home for indigent ex-Confederates.

The home is now occupied by about twenty old men, and will be managed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor, in the same manner as other State institutions. Mrs. Helen D. Bell, the State President Mississippi Division, U. D. C., and the local Chapter worked faithfully for the bill, and the State Division is to be congratulated on its passage.

THE Department of Archives and History for the State's Hall of Fame in Mississippi is to have a portrait of Jefferson Davis. The funds for the purpose are being collected by the Mississippi U. D. C., and Mrs. Eron O. Gregory, Jackson, Mississippi, is Treasurer of the fund.

#### Biennial Notes.

IT will be interesting to readers of "*The Keystone*" to learn that Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, President of North Carolina State Federation, and Mrs. Laurence Haynes, President of Florida State Federation, have been appointed to serve on the Reception Committee at the Biennial.

The Committee who are in charge of the seating of the entire Convention is as follows:

Miss Louisa Poppenheim, Corresponding Secretary of General Federation, Mrs. George Noyes, Chairman of the Biennial Committee, and Mrs. John Greene, the member from the Credential Committee. The Chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations is Mrs. Mary Alden Ward, Boston, Mass. Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. Belle M. Perry, Charlotte, Mich.

The Board of Directors of the General Federation will hold a meeting at Hotel Jefferson, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. The Advisory Council (composed of Board of Directors and Presidents of State Federations) will meet at 9.30 Tuesday morning, May 17th, in Ionic Hall, adjoining the Odeon. The Council (composed of the Board of Directors, Presidents of State Federations and Presidents of Clubs) will meet in the same hall at 11 o'clock.

DO you know? Why English railway locomotives have no cow-catchers? Answer Stoddard's Lectures, Vol. 9, p. 131. What is the single name of 127 separate and distinct streets in London? Answer Stoddard's Lectures, Vol. 9, p. 231. What is the great disputed question about the Venus of Melos, and where is the statue to-day? Answer Vol. 5, pp. 29-32.

#### A State Federation in West Virginia.

THE West Virginia State Federation of Women's Clubs was organized at Wheeling, West Va., April 21st, with fifteen clubs, sixty delegates present, representing a membership of six hundred women. Miss McKnight, President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Sam'l B. Sneath, President Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, had been invited to be present and make addresses. Miss McKnight made the address of the Convention. Mrs. Sneath was unable to attend.

The following departments were adopted for State work: Education, Club Extension, Traveling Libraries, Civics, Domestic Science and Reciprocity. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Guy R. C. Allen, Wheeling; one Vice-President from each Congressional district as follows: 1st, Mrs. G. A. Aschman, Wheeling; 3rd, Mrs. John Driscoll, Ronceverte; 4th, Mrs. R. H. Thomas, Parkersburg; 5th, Mrs. M. W. Sloan, Huntington; Secretary, Mrs. T. C. Burke, Wheeling; Treas., Mrs. H. H. Moss, Parkersburg; Auditor, Mrs. A. C. Jackson, Sistersville; Fed. Sec., Mrs. C. S. Morrison, Wheeling. The Federation has applied for membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs and expects to send a delegation to the Biennial.

The call for this Convention was issued by the General Federation Committee of West Virginia. Mrs. Guy R. C. Allen and Mrs. John Driscoll, the delegates were entertained by the Wheeling Clubwomen and the general success of the meeting was due to the harmony and spirit of co-operation on the part of the Clubwomen of West Virginia.

THE California Club is to edit the San Francisco "Bulletin" for one day (February 2nd), the entire profits from the sales and advertisements of this edition to be applied to help pay for their projected Clubhouse. The editor made the offer to the Clubwomen without conditions and every line except the telegraphic dispatches will be written by Clubwomen.

A NOVEL restaurant at the World's Fair will be one with the walls of the building made of glass tanks in which will swim fishes.

A reproduction of the cottage in which the grandfather of the late President McKinley was born in Ireland, will be one of the features of the Irish exhibition at the World's Fair.

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THE Mississippi clubwomen appreciate the good wishes extended by the Editor of The Keystone.

A hearty welcome will be given to the North Jefferson Literary Club of Jackson as they come back into the Federation.

A spirit of enthusiastic interest in all that pertains to the Federation is increasing in Mississippi as club women realize the power organized womanhood can exert for the benefit of others.

A report of our State Federation will be given next month.

The annual meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at Greenwood, in May.

The State Convention of the King's Daughters of Mississippi will be held at Yazoo City, on May 10.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi State Teachers' Association will be held at Meridian, May 5-6-7.

A most successful Easter rally was held by the Young Woman's Christian Association of the State Industrial Institute and College for Girls at Columbus, Miss. Invitations were sent to all the other Associations among the Women's Colleges of Mississippi. The meeting showed a remarkable growth of the Association.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church will be held at Holly Springs, May 15-18.

Chancellor Fulton, of the State University at Oxford gallantly arranged for a gala week for the last week in April, when came our Federation meeting. The attractions consisted of various contests in speaking and athletic sports, the Freshman and Sophomore medal contests, the Senior Debate, a Shakespearean play, and a repetition of a recent fine entertainment given by the forty University Minstrels.

Mrs. Rose Quitman Duncan has recently presented to the State a fine portrait of her distinguished father, General Quitman. This portrait was found in the cabin of an ex-slave, who after many years was willing to part with it for a nominal sum, and when returned to the family was defaced and torn. The portrait has been restored to its original beauty, and is one of the finest portraits of the General extant.

Mrs. Coleman, the chairman of the Traveling Library Department of the Mississippi Federation, has received from Mrs. Sarah Leighton, Chairman of Education of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs, a barrel of valuable books. Many school books, children's books and miscellaneous literature are among the number which is considerably over one hundred volumes. The clubwomen of Kosciusko expect to enjoy the library before forwarding it into the rural districts.

Since the arrival of this barrel of books, Mrs. Leighton has sent a regular Traveling Library of 56 books numbered, catalogued and in a regular library case to Mrs. Coleman. This latter donation comes from the Springfield, Mass., Woman's Club, Mrs. Birnie, President.

## A Plea for Art in Schools.

WITH few exceptions the schools give the child an acquaintance with the great minds in literature presented in a style within its comprehension. Music is taught and opportunities are given for developing its powers along this line. But, in many schools, the possibilities of Art are but dimly perceived or are altogether wanting. It is too easily taken for granted that the age of "artists of immortal fame" is past, never to return. Why is it beyond the bounds of possibility that there be such a return? Who knows but that, beneath some little ragged jacket may be dormant powers that only need an awakening touch to develop a Michael Angelo or a Raphael?

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As we become impressed with the beautiful in all things—nature, art, character—and feel more and more the need of beauty, in an intelligent comprehension of life's duties, let the dissemination of the beautiful, as far as in us lies, be accounted a gracious privilege, and add to that beauty, grace that will bless both him that gives and him that receives.

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At the meetings of the first year each hostess selected from the writings of the author whose book she had contributed, extracts which were read aloud by members of the Club, after which light refreshments and conversation were the order of the afternoon. Last year and this year the Club has taken up the standard authors.

The officers of the Club continue the same as at the time of organization, but the membership has increased to sixteen.

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THE Woman's Club of Charlotte at its last meeting, appointed April 15th as Reciprocity Day, and hope in the future to be able to reap as well as give added zest and benefit by a mutual exchange of ideas.

An election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-election of its former Board. It now has sixty members, and the correspondence has increased to such an extent that a new office was created, and Mrs. Haliburton chosen corresponding secretary.

THE librarian of Carnegie Library in Charlotte—Mrs. Annie Ross—has started a movement for the organization of a State library association in North Carolina. Eighteen librarians have expressed willingness to co-operate up to this time.

THE W. C. Club of Gastonia, now in the fourth year of its existence, has the honor of being the first ladies club organized in that town. We predict it will not be the last, for like *measles*, the club movement is "catching," and others will naturally follow, and with able leaders the members will be surprised to find how much can be done that is good and useful when brought to their notice, and many will bewail the energy that they have allowed in the past to go to waste.

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On April 28th, on the occasion of the Club's second birthday, it tends to the newly elected officers, its members and their friends, the annual reception, which this time will be held at the elegant new home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Reynolds, on Lee Street.

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The Club is delighted at *The Keystone's* being made the official organ of the State Federation, and feels sure that the entire Federation will gain from its columns many times the value of the small subscription price. The Club also feels justly proud of the fact that it was the delegates of the Club of Currents who introduced *The Keystone* to the State Federation at the recent Convention at Jacksonville, and brought about its acceptance as the official organ of the Federation. The Club takes a pride in, and hopes to see *The Keystone* grow and prosper more and more until it really becomes the keystone of the Federation.

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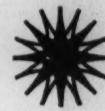
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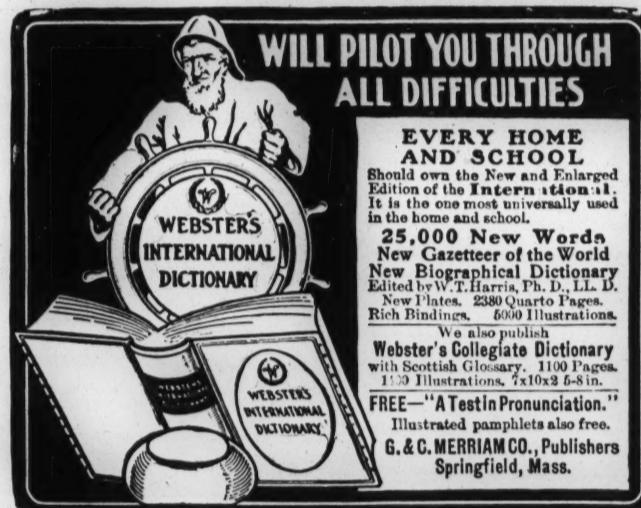
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